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Agency Overview

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is a statewide law enforcement agency with the mission to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, ensuring highway and public safety, and providing vital scientific, technical, and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. On February 10, 2015, Colonel Frank Milstead was selected by Governor Douglas Ducey to lead the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

It is the vision of the Arizona Department of Public Safety to be a national model in providing ethical, effective, efficient and customer-oriented, state-level law enforcement services.

Tribal Liaisons

The Department of Public Safety created the tribal liaison position in 2002, with the goal of improving law enforcement cooperation between the State and Arizona's many tribal police agencies. In 2015, the program was expanded to include three liaisons with regional responsibilities relating to the tribes in the northern, central and southern regions of the State.

Tribal Government Consultation Policy

The emphasis of the Department's consultation policy is the development of cooperative agreements for law enforcement mutual aid. Due to the sovereign status of Arizona's Indian Tribes, Nations and Communities, absent a formal agreement, officers of the Department of Public Safety lack criminal jurisdiction over Native Americans for crimes committed in Indian country. There are currently law enforcement mutual aid agreements between the Department and seven Arizona tribes.

Even for those tribes where no law enforcement mutual aid agreement exists, the Department can and does still provide non-law enforcement services, including training, search and rescue, sex offender registration, scientific analysis, and criminal justice information services access.

For Further Information

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Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Develop cooperative relationships with tribal governments	Allow mutual aid between DPS and tribal police as may be needed.	The law enforcement mutual aid agreement between the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and State of Arizona was executed on January 2, 2015. This marks the fourth renewal of a mutual aid agreement since the original was executed in 2002.
		There are currently law enforcement mutual aid agreements between DPS and seven Arizona tribes, including the Fort Mohave Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation (San Lucy District only), and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
		Negotiations are continuing regarding a law enforcement mutual aid agreement with the Colorado River Indian Tribes.
Address issues affecting tribes in Arizona	Assist tribal agencies in improving capabilities in traffic incident management	DPS, ADOT and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona provided multi-agency first responder training in various locations throughout the state on the latest concepts of traffic incident management with the goal of clearing highway incidents more quickly and making scenes safer for involved parties, first responders and passing motorists.
	Assist tribal agencies in achieving substantial compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)	A hurdle for many tribes in achieving substantial compliance with SORNA is the ability to enter sex offender information into the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR). Until DPS is able to reconfigure the Arizona Criminal Justice Information System to accept tribal registrations, the DPS Sex Offender Unit, through MOUs with interested tribes, enters the information manually, enabling those tribes to become compliant. Currently, DPS has MOUs with nine Arizona tribes, with two more pending, and has entered over 400 sex offenders into NSOR on behalf of the tribes.
	Assist tribal child protective services in efforts to obtain criminal background information prior to emergency child placements	On August 7, 2014, tribal liaisons and Access Integrity Unit members met with tribal CPS personnel and BIA law enforcement regarding issues affecting the safety of children involved in emergency placements. Discussion of potential remedies was initiated, including with the FBI regarding the release of criminal justice information to non-criminal justice agencies. Efforts ultimately led to passage of SB 1080.
	Assist with law enforcement services	In March 2015, US 89 repairs were completed south of Page after a major geological event resulted in a two-year closure and rerouting through Navajo Route 20/US 89T. DPS agreed to continue patrol of Navajo Route 20 until Navajo PD was ready to transition coverage.

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Establish and cultivate positive working relationships with key persons in tribal governments	Provide DPS points of contact for specific topics so that issues may be resolved quickly.	Tribal liaisons and other Department specialists (Sex Offender Unit, Access Integrity, Arizona Counter Terrorism Intelligence Center) regularly attend meetings of the Indian Country Intelligence Network. Among the most memorable of these meetings was the trip to Grand Canyon West, hosted by the Hualapai Police Department and Tribe.
		Tribal liaisons provided information about the Department at the annual Arizona Indian Tribes and Nations Day at the State Capitol on January 20, 2015. In the afternoon, they served as facilitators for a tribal youth discussion regarding quality of life issues on Arizona's Indian country.
		In May 2015, a DPS tribal liaison joined other Arizona and national tribal representatives at the National Indian Country Law Enforcement Memorial at the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM. Salt River Police Officer Jair Cabrera was among the fallen officers honored at this year's memorial.
Provide specialized law enforcement support when requested by tribal governments	Assist with public information and education efforts on Arizona Indian Country	DPS provided an expert instructor on methamphetamine abuse for a conference on March 24, 2015, at the San Carlos Apache Gold Casino and Resort.
		DPS hosted a 40 hour Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) school in Flagstaff March 23-27, 2015, drawing attendees from tribal, county, state and municipal agencies.
		A DPS tribal liaison has been working closely with Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training, Hualapai Police Chief Francis Bradley, and representatives from the Salt River, Gila River and Fort McDowell Police Departments, as well as the FBI, US Attorney's Office, and BIA law enforcement on updating and reissuing a training video on Law Enforcement in Arizona Indian Country, initially created in 2002.
		DPS provided an officer to speak and demonstrate the importance of seat belt usage to several groups of students at Hopi High School on April 7, 2015.
	Provide specialized resources for unique law enforcement missions	On April 19, 2015, the DPS Ranger helicopter flew a probation officer to Havasupai Village to contact probation offenders.
		On December 11, 2014, DPS Haz-Mat personnel responded to the San Carlos Indian Medical Center on a report of an unidentified vapor causing illness among hospital staff, patients and visitors. Evaluation of the facility required several days.